

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An assembly of comprising at least two elements and a mattress, ~~that is intended to be said assembly~~ for being mounted on board a spacecraft, ~~and in which said~~ elements ~~may occupy~~ for occupying relative to one another either a folded position state or a deployed position state, wherein said at least two elements are secured to the a same side of a said flexible inflated mattress and wherein, when said at least two elements are in the folded state, said mattress is in the deflated state and is folded so that said at least two elements are situated in pairs on either side of a fold of said mattress.

2. (Currently Amended) The assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the inflation of said mattress results from the expansion, in space, of the gas contained in said mattress in the folded state, on earth.

3. (Currently Amended) The assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the inflation of said mattress is achieved by blowing in an inflating gas.

4. (Currently Amended) The assembly as claimed in claim 1, ~~which comprises~~ further comprising means for stiffening said

mattress when said at least two elements are in the deployed state.

5. (Currently Amended) The assembly as claimed in claim 4, wherein said stiffening means comprise a curable resin.

6. (Currently Amended) The assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein, when said mattress is in the deflated state and when said at least two elements are in the folded state, said deflated and folded mattress is arranged between two adjacent ones of said at least two elements.

7. (Currently Amended) The assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein, when said mattress is in the deflated state and when said at least two elements are in the folded state, said deflated and folded mattress surrounds two adjacent ones of said at least two elements.

8. (Currently Amended) The assembly as claimed in claim 6, ~~which comprises wherein~~ a plurality of said at least two elements forming forms at least one alignment and wherein, when said mattress is in the deflated state and when said at least two elements are in the folded state, said mattress is folded on itself around fold lines that each pass between two consecutive elements of said alignment and that are directed transversely with respect to said alignment so that, in turn, said folded mattress is arranged between two consecutive elements of said

alignment and surrounds two consecutive elements of said alignment.

9. (Currently Amended) The assembly as claimed in claim 8, wherein said plurality of said at least two elements forms an array of rows and columns and wherein, when said mattress is in the deflated state and when said at least two elements are in the folded state, said mattress can be folded on itself around fold lines that each pass between two of said columns of elements so that, in turn, said folded mattress is arranged between two consecutive ones of said columns of elements and surrounds two consecutive ones of said columns of elements.

10. (Currently Amended) The assembly as claimed in claim 8, wherein said plurality of said at least two elements forms an array of rows and columns and wherein, when said mattress is in the deflated state and when said at least two elements are in the folded state, said mattress can be folded on itself around fold lines that each pass between two of said rows of elements so that, in turn, said folded mattress is arranged between two consecutive ones of said rows of elements and surrounds two consecutive ones of said rows of elements.